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REPORT OF INTERVIEW GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Joe Castro, previously identified, was telephonically interviewed on January 26, 1998, at Tiyan, Guam, by Deputy Chief of Police Ronald J. Dervish, Guam Police Department. Mr. Castro was informed of the subject of the interview and the identity of the the interviewer. Mr. Castro related the following information at that time.

Mr. Castro advised that he is not a meteorologist and has never had any training as a "weatherman." He did state that he has been hunting on Guam since he was a young man, and that he is very aware of the weather when he does hunt. Mr. Castro advised that he and a friend, who he declined to identify, were hunting in an area of Guam known as Nimitz Hill near the VOR Beacon site. He described the weather at that time as "very good for hunting."

Mr. Castro responded to the following specific questions:

1. Mr. Castro stated that he and his friend were located approximately 100 feet north of the VOR Beacon site when the crash occurred. They had been stalking a deer and were attempting to stay down wind of the prey so that they would not be detected.
2. Regarding the time of they were in the area, Mr. Castro advised that they had been there at least one half hour at that location described above, and had been hunting for a good while before that.
3. As indicated above, Mr. Castro has no formal training in meterology.
4. Mr. Castro could not estimate the cloud base for that night. He did state that there were intemittent clouds covering the area, but that he could see stars in the sky between clouds.
5. Mr. Castro could not remember, nor recall in which direction the clouds were moving.
6. Mr. Castro does not recall seeing the moon that night. He admits that he did see stars as indicated above, but that he did not look up into the sky as he concentrated on stalking deer. He pointed out that the terrain is very rough there and that his attention was directed to the thick vegetation and walking through that.
7. According to Mr. Castro, it had sprinkled about a half hour before the crash, but was not raining at the time of the crash. As Mr. Castro has previously stated, he does not go hunting when it rains, so there had not been any steady rain while he was out. The ground was wet as it had been raining for the previous two or three days before the crash. There was no hail in the area as indicated by Mr. Castro.

8. As indicated above, there was no significant rain at the time of the crash. Mr. Castro stated that the light sprinkle that was in the area about one half hour before the crash came straight down with little wind. Again, Mr. Castro does not go hunting in bad weather, and wind would have deterred him from hunting.

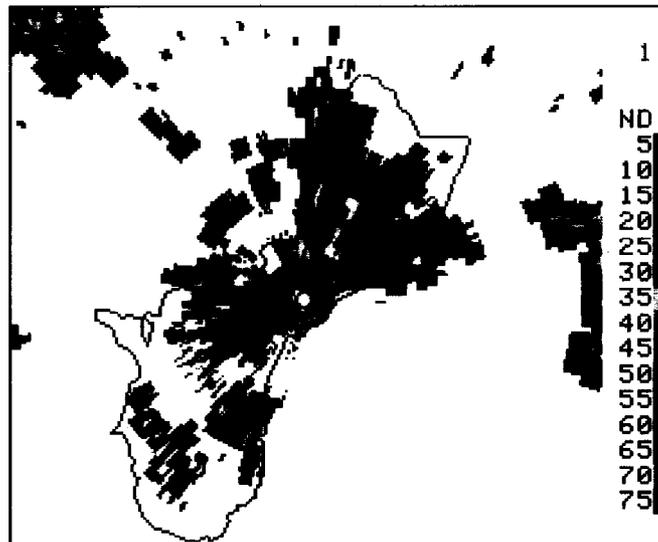
9. Mr. Castro stated that visibility was very good at the time of the crash. Although he could not see the airport from his location, he could see the lights of Tamuning, Guam, from where he was, and, of course, the light from the beacon. There was no fog, nor were there any low clouds to hamper his visibility.

10. As indicated above, visibility for Mr. Castro was very good. He could not see the airport, but he did see lights from Tamuning and the surrounding areas. Also, as indicated above, there was visibility from stars shining through the clouds. It had sprinkled before the crash, but Mr. Castro indicated that these were intermittent clouds and there was no complete cloud cover.

11. The wind was “normal” according to Mr. Castro. There were no gusts of wind that could have affected the airplane in Mr. Castro’s opinion.

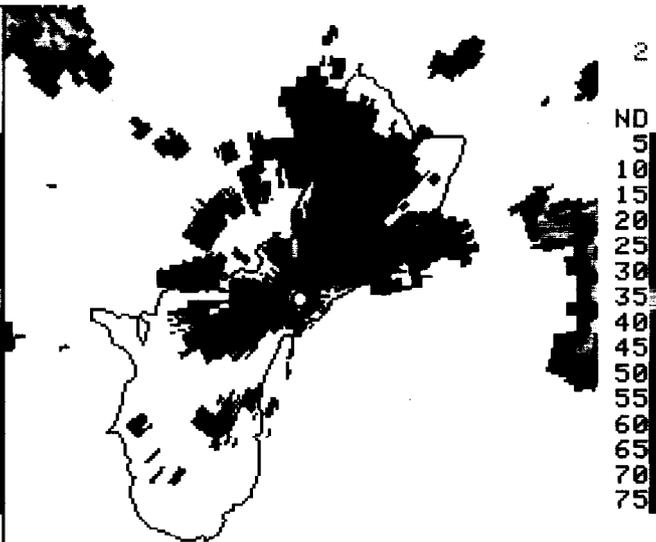
12. There was no thunder or lightning in the area that night.

13. Mr. Castro could add no other information concerning the weather the morning of the crash. He emphasized that in his opinion, the weather was not a factor in the crash. There was no heavy rain or strong winds. Visibility was good, and as Mr. Castro indicated, “it was very good for hunting.”



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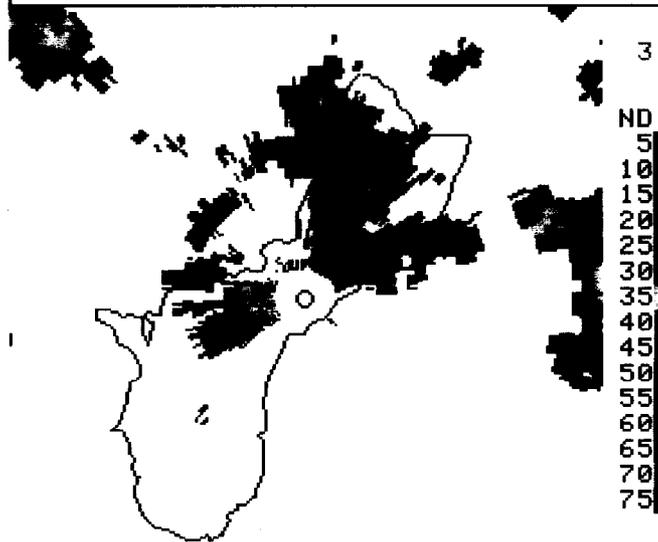
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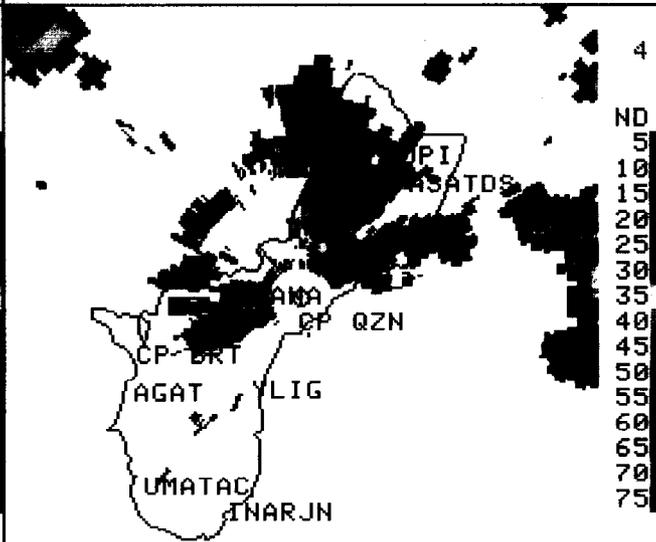
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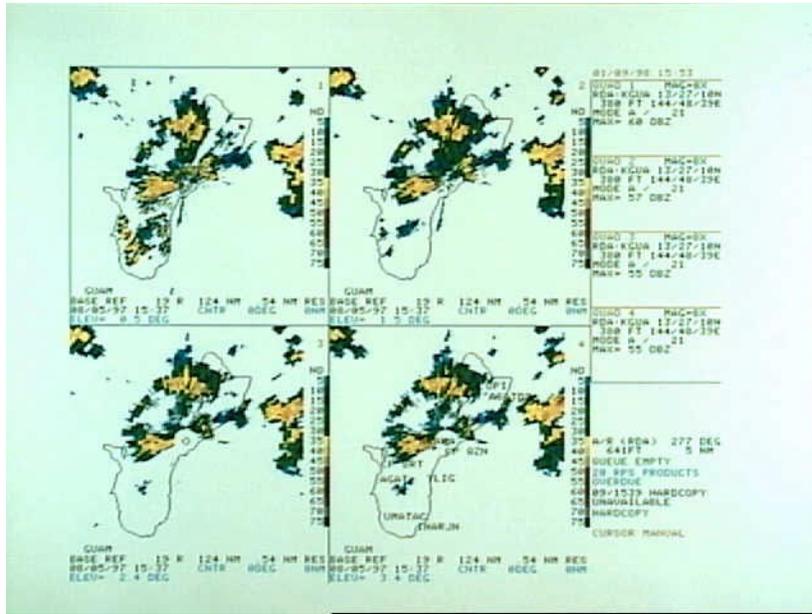
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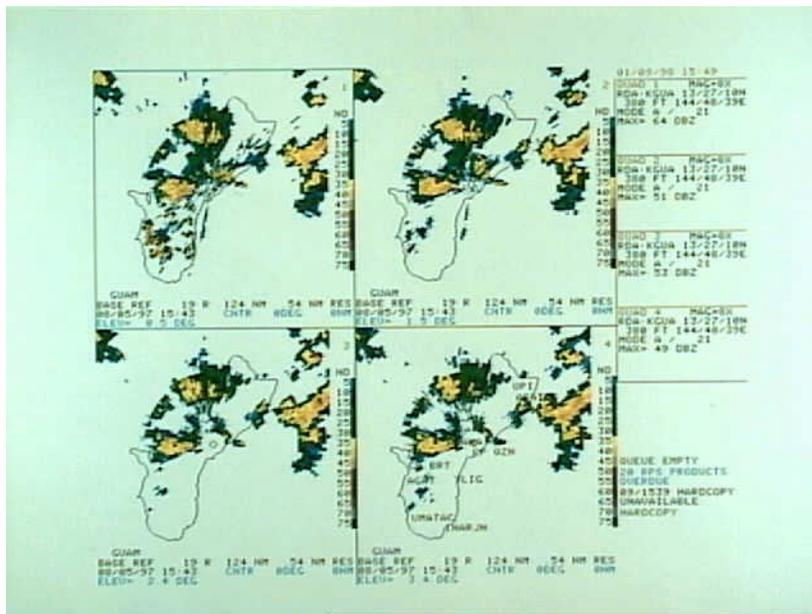
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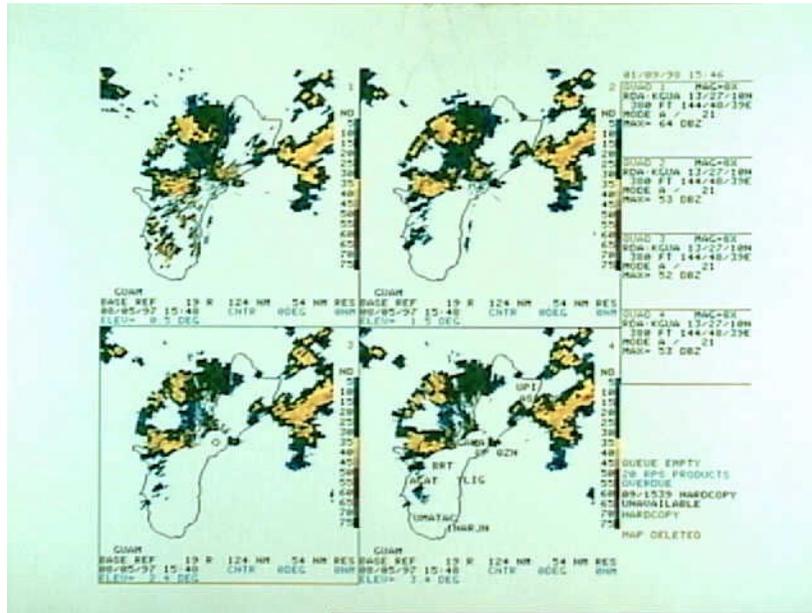
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Meteorology 5 - Attachment 26 - Photo 3. Weather Chart



Meteorology 5 - Attachment 26 - Photo 4. Weather Chart



Meteorology 5 - Attachment 26 - Photo 5. Weather Chart